

BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL
Benton, Illinois 62812
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 25, 2021

The Board of Education of the Benton Consolidated High School District #103 met in Regular Session on Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. in the Benton Consolidated High School Board Room. President, Mark Minor called the meeting to order.

Opening prayer was led by Mark Dyel. Kenny Irvin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Mark Minor, President; Robin LaBuwi, Vice-President; Mitch Bennett, Secretary; Shane Cockrum, Mark Dyel, Marci Glover, and Kenny Irvin.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary; and Duane Williams, Community Member.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

4.1 Appointment/Compensation/Discipline/Performance of Personnel

4.2 Collective Negotiation Matters

Executive Session – Robin LaBuwi made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance of Personnel, and Collective Negotiation Matters. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Board; Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; and Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary entered into an Executive Session in the Executive Board Room at 5:16 P.M.

Open Session - The Board reconvened in an Open Session at 5:42 P.M. Mitch Bennett, Secretary called the roll. Answering present: Shane Cockrum – yes, Mark Dyel – yes, Marci Glover – yes, Kenny Irvin – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Mark Minor – yes, and Mitch Bennett – yes.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary; Kiley Docherty, Faculty Member; and Duane Williams, Community Member.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approve Minutes:

(a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes, February 18, 2021

(b) Executive Board Meeting Minutes, February 18, 2021

5.2 Approve Financial Report (February 2021)

5.3 Approve Payment of Bills (February 2021)

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Shane Cockrum – yes, Mark Dyel – yes, Marci Glover – yes, Kenny Irvin – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Mark Minor – yes, and Mitch Bennett – yes. Motion Carried.

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6. ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Mr. Johnson commented on the following:

- Building project update
- Graduation May 15, 2021, 4:00 P.M.
- ESSER Grants FY 20, 21 & 22
- Board Elections April 6, 2021
- Potential district “dead week” summer 2021

7. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Approve IDEA Carryover Funds Agreement with Franklin/Jefferson Special Education District

Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve the IDEA Carryover Funds Agreement with Franklin & Jefferson Counties Special Education District. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this agreement has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

9.2 Employment of Personnel Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the resignation from Mariah Wagner as presented. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to employ Whitney Winemiller as a part-time C.N.A. teacher for the 2021-22 school year. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.3 Assignment of Personnel Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve Ron Winemiller as the assistant softball coach for the 2020-21 school year. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve Molly Uhles’ maternity leave request and the overload request as presented. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve Brandon Koester as a volunteer football coach for the 2020-21 school year. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve Sarah Hampton as a volunteer volleyball coach for the 2020-21 school year. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.4 Review/Approve QNS Technology Support Service Agreement Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the QNS Technology Support Service Agreement as presented. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this agreement has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

9.5 Review/Approve Beverage Contract

9.6 Review/Approve Posting of Open Positions Robin LaBuwi made a motion to authorize the administration to post the position of FACS teacher as available for the 2021-22 school year. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

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9.7 Review/Approve Proposal to Reduce Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2021

Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve proposal to reduce the graduation requirements for the Class of 2021 from 30 to 28 credits as presented. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.8 Review/Approve Shawnee Services LLC Agreement for Video Wall Rental Robin

LaBuwi made a motion to approve the agreement with Shawnee Services LLC as presented. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this agreement has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

10. BOARD OF EDUCATION REMARKS Mr. Dyel requested that the concrete lot across from the school receive some attention.

11. ADJOURNMENT Kenny Irvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 P.M. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY